P. S. Mr Rich^d Tilghman the 4th has Rec^d a great deal of wheat December 27 from me by order of the Special Council, and had it ground at the Head of Chester Mills. I was order'd to deliver what he might call for suppose he has a great deal of flour ready.

[Francis Nichols, Fredericks Town, to His Excy Thos. S. Lee. Esq.]

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I have the Hon^r to inform your Excellency that by the Authority invested in me by the Honourable Robert Morris Esq^r superintendent of Finance—as you will see by the following extract of my orders I have appointed Col^o Moses Rawlings who I have Contracted with for the supply of this Post—to receive any article—of specific supplies required by the United States from the State of Maryland.

extract—you are hereby authorized and impowered by yourself or such person or persons as you shall appoint for that purpose to receive any articles of specific supplies required by the United States from the State of Maryland for which a Duplicate of the receipt given shall be forwarded to me by yourself or the person by you authorized and such person or persons shall be by you nominated to the Governor of the said State and your his or there said recepts shall be a sufficient Discharge for such supplies as can be applied to the feeding of Prisoners and Guards in that State.

I hope what I have done will meet with your approbation.

[A. F. Cheney, Annapolis, To His Excellency the Governor & the December 28 Red Book No. 27

The Remonstrance & memorial of Andrew Francis Cheney on behalf of his son Francis F. Cheney now a prisoner in the Goal of this City.

Your memorialist humbly begs leave to represent to y^r Excellency and Honors, the situation of his unfortunate son, who has been lately afflict^d with the Hospital Fever, for above nine weeks, & now in an Indispos'd State of Health, resulting from the shocking place of his Durance, where at this Time he has no place free from water, even to put his Bed; & he is himself oblig'd to keep his Feet on a Stone to keep them out of water. This situation your memorialist humbly conceives, must affect the feelings of every tender & humane Breast, let his offence be ever so atrocious, it is a maxim in Law, that no man should be deem'd guilty before he is found so, by his peers.

This being the case, your memorialist is emboldened to apply to the tenderness, humanity & benevolence of your honorable Board, well hoping from the benignity of each of your Hearts, you will

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